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## "NATURAL."

Senator Reed says that it is foolish to attempt to do anything to remedy the high cost of living; that it is caused by the operation of natural laws.

Measures intended to better the conditions are dangerous, the senator insists, because they "disturb the natural economic tendencies."

If we let "natural laws" have their way, without attempting to better conditions, civilization might as well give up the job.

An influenza epidemic is "natural." Floods, fires and fires are "natural."

Flood shortages, difficulties in transportation, human greed, extravagance—all these are "natural."

But is that any reason why we should abruptly surrender to "nature" without a fight?

## ALMOST FUNNY BUT IT IS VERY HIGH-PRICED.

The doings of our courts and legislatures sometimes are funny, on the surface, but most of the jokes that are pulled by judges, lawyers, senators, congressmen and state representatives are about the highest priced comedy the public enjoys.

Now it isn't the fault of courts in Massachusetts that presently they will be called upon to determine whether or not it is a crime to play golf on Sunday.

Someone digs up an ancient law, the police are urged to do their duty and the Massachusetts Golf Association is preparing to defend its sport by carrying off its case to the highest court.

The police co-operate by making the sample arrests in an gentlemanly manner as possible.

But what about the citizens of the commonwealth? The taxpayers who can think of a number of things that might rightfully be brought to the attention of the authorities?

If ever there were solid problems for the laws to solve, it is now.

And yet the folly of using the costly machinery of courts, for silly by-play seemingly can't be checked.

The courts can't be blamed, lawyers can't be blamed, litigants themselves are not always at fault in such matters, but a strange kind of mind exists somewhere.

Can't we, as a people, cure ourselves of the spasms of childhoodness that absorb so much of the energies and the resources of government?

## THE GREATEST POWER IN THE WORLD.

Everyone has learned in recent years the meaning and the force of propaganda. Wars cannot be waged without it. For good or for evil, it is the greatest power in the world. Through it, men in the mass are driven to act.

Millions are being spent in propaganda, by one side to persuade by the other to make the social disturbance which is given the rather vague name of "Bolshevism."

What is meant by Bolshevism in this country is not in any sense the same Bolshevism now dominant in Russia. Bolshevism in America is a loosely organized movement to bring popular discontent to a sharp and purposeful focus. Thus far, its success has been slight.

Who is the heaviest contributor to Bolshevik propaganda—the foreign-born agitator whose utterances are being closely studied by federal authorities, or the profiteer, whose grand-larceny

methods are at present the subject of investigation?

A bank in a mid-western city has sent a circular letter to its big customers pointing out the alarming fact that a dollar in 1919 will buy only half the necessities which a 1914 dollar would buy.

The message of this bank to enterprising folk is "Look out! Unscrupulous unquodiles must be curbed."

The wage earner or the salary man who pays twice as much for bread, for shoes, for milk, for rent as he paid five years ago is getting into frame of mind which makes him willing to turn to any suggestion of a remedy, reasonable or unreasonable.

There are cures, sane and哲ical, for his trouble—which is, after all, the nation's trouble.

Investigation has just got started, but it has gone far enough to show where the curse of outrageous profits can be applied.

Whether it is the billionaire packer who is doubling dividends, or the corner butcher who is adding unfair pennies to the retail price, the man who is taking more from the American householder than is justifiable, profit is a missionary of unrest, an enemy of peace, a "propagandist" of the most dangerous kind.

## WEATHER SUMMARY

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Weather Bureau.

(C. E. Heckathorn, Local Observer.) Weather bulletin for the 24 hours ending 7:00 p. m., 75th meridian time, Wednesday, August 20, 1919.

Max-Min-Wind Data  
Station—Min-Max Wind Velocity (ft.  
sec.)

Austin ..... 76 ..... 2.92

Brownsville ..... 82 ..... 2.92

Beaumont ..... 90 ..... 2.92

Galveston ..... 98 ..... 2.92

Houston ..... 98 ..... 2.92

Port Arthur ..... 98 ..... 2.92

Corpus Christi ..... 88 ..... 2.92

Dallas ..... 80 ..... 2.92

Fort Worth ..... 85 ..... 2.92

Kosciusko City ..... 84 ..... 2.92

Odessa ..... 82 ..... 2.92

Oklahoma City ..... 78 ..... 2.92

Panhandle ..... 68 ..... 2.92

Phoenix ..... 78 ..... 2.92

Portland ..... 80 ..... 2.92

St. Louis City ..... 86 ..... 2.92

San Antonio ..... 87 ..... 2.92

San Francisco ..... 88 ..... 2.92

Sherman ..... 89 ..... 2.92

Washington ..... 88 ..... 2.92

Winnipeg ..... 75 ..... 2.92

## Amusements

At the Queen Today.

Select Pictures offers "The Devil of New York," with Marlon Davies, and "The Devil of Love," the story of the life of Anna Leon, the inventor and Jack Brannon, son of William Brannon, one of the richest men in the Middle West. Brannon steals an actress in his perfuming and causes her to commit suicide. She then goes to the city, where she is employed as a singer in a cabaret, and falls in love with Jack, ignorant of the fact that he is the son of Brannon. When she is informed who her lover is she joins the Salvation Army. She again meets Jack and having reformed his father makes him happy by promising to be his wife.

At the Amuse Today and Tomorrow.

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